

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-34 were pending. Applicant cancels claims 19-34 drawn to a non-elected species, but reserves the right to pursue these claims in a divisional or continuation.


The Examiner objected to claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 12. Applicant has corrected the typographical errors in claims 1, 5, and 8 which were not related to patentability. Applicant has amended claim 3 and 10 and cancelled claims 12-13, to correct the antecedent basis as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant has also amended Claim 15 to correctly depend upon Claim 10.

CONCLUSION

All claims should be now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, the applicants' attorney can be reached at Tel: 408-879-6149 (Pacific Standard Time).

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